

Jerry J. Pittman

Biography

Born and raised in Kosciusko, Mississippi, Jerry J. Pittman graduated from Kosciusko High School. In pursuit of higher education, Pittman earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice from San Antonio College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Wayland Baptist University. Pittman's most recent educational accomplishment includes attaining a Masters Degree in Human Resources Management from Wayland Baptist University.

As a member of San Antonio's finest, Jerry J. Pittman has held the following ranks within the San Antonio Police Department:

Police Officer	May 1974 – October 1981
Detective Investigator	October 1981 – December 1984
Sergeant	December 1984 – December 1989
Lieutenant	December 1989 – March 1994
Captain	March 1994 – March 1995
Deputy Chief	April 1995 – February 2003
Assistant Chief	February 2003 - present

Pittman has dedicated 32 years to patrolling the streets, working toward preventing and reducing crime, guiding area youth, administering public safety policy, and working extensively with the community. As a dedicated career professional, Pittman lists fighting neighborhood crime and preserving the future of our youth as top priorities.

After being assigned to various sections of the City as a Police Officer for seven years, Pittman attained the rank of Detective-Investigator. Holding the rank of Detective-Investigator and assigned to the Evidence Unit and later to Special Investigations, Pittman quickly set his sights on serving in a supervisory capacity. Promoted to the position of Sergeant, in 1984, Pittman spent five years molding and directing Patrol Officers and Detectives assigned to the Repeat Offenders Unit. Continuing to promote up the ranks, through competitive written examinations and assessment center processes, Pittman next achieved the title of Lieutenant. As a Lieutenant, Pittman's assignments included commanding a Patrol Substation shift, the Special Investigation's Vice Unit, and the Major Crime's Youth Crime Service Unit. Serving as a Lieutenant for five years, Pittman continued to work toward fostering the goal of achieving a drug free environment by conducting group presentations, working with neighborhood youth, visiting local schools, and serving on community advisory committees and boards.

In a continued display of initiative, intelligence, discipline, and determination, in March of 1994, Pittman earned a promotion to Captain. Pittman's two commands included being responsible for the East Patrol Service Area and serving as the Patrol Division's Executive Officer. One year later, in 1995, Pittman was bestowed the honor of serving as the first black Deputy Chief of Police in the history of the San Antonio Police Department. Pittman's first assignment as Deputy Chief included commanding 600 sworn and civilian personnel within the Support Services Division providing administrative and technical expertise. Continuing his expertise and moving across the hall to the next assignment, Pittman was now responsible for commanding 1300 sworn and civilian personnel within the Patrol Division.

Pittman's diverse professional career continued and in February 2003, he was next appointed to the level of Assistant Chief of Police. Pittman currently serves as the Commander of the Operations Bureau. The Operations Bureau of the San Antonio Police Department consists of the Patrol, Investigations, and Technical Support Divisions with an overall personnel complement of 1800 sworn and civilian personnel. As Commander, Pittman oversees such functions as community policing, downtown foot and bike patrol, property crimes, special operations, bomb squad, crisis negotiations, traffic control, helicopter support, special investigations covert operations, major crimes such as homicide and youth crimes, vehicle crimes, and federally funded drug trafficking programs. Presiding over departmental Management Accountability Program (MAP) meetings, Pittman strategically conducts the operations and coordination of crime-fighting, community awareness, and police services, with departmental managers, to ensure the safety of the citizens of San Antonio.

Pittman's contributions to the San Antonio Police Department go far beyond the call of duty. Sustaining life-threatening injuries, Pittman was shot four times, in 1986, while executing a narcotics search warrant. Sustained by the fact that God gave him a second chance, the shooting did not serve to deter but rather enhance his determination to better serve the San Antonio community. Pittman's spirit of courage, commitment, and motivation fuels his initiative to create first and second chance opportunities for our City's youth. Pittman planned, organized, and coordinated many successful undercover operations to reduce and combat crime throughout the city. Such operations led to the closure of infamous crime locations such as Sonny Mitchell Village, the Hill, and Lipstick Lounge. Working extensively with East side neighborhood groups, crime at the 402 Ice House was reduced.

Pittman is recognized as a top cop with a genuine concern and commitment to the citizens of San Antonio and has received numerous awards such as the Unsung Hero Award for Professional Development, Outstanding Man of the Year Award, Humanitarian Award, the San Antonio Black Achievement Award in Criminal Justice, the Purple Heart Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Meritorious Conduct Award. Pittman continues to attend law enforcement seminars and conferences to gain greater knowledge within his profession.

Pittman embraces a belief that hard work, commitment, sacrifice, self confidence, trust in God, and a tolerance for ambiguity are key ingredients to success in balancing both his personal life and professional career.

Pittman will retire after 32 years of service effective August 31, 2006. Pittman stated he has had a rewarding and challenging career and made the independent decision to retire and spend quality time with his family.